

State of Arizona
Senate
Forty-fifth Legislature
First Regular Session
2001

CHAPTER 37

SENATE BILL 1451

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-421, 15-427 AND 38-296.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-421. Governing board; members; qualifications

A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise provided by this section and section 15-425, subsection A.

B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing board composed of:

1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common school district.

2. In a union high school district, five members.

C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a resident of the school district for one year immediately preceding the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board member.

D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such employee is employed.

E. A MEMBER OF ONE GOVERNING BOARD IS INELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO OR SERVE SIMULTANEOUSLY AS A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER GOVERNING BOARD, EXCEPT THAT A MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BOARD MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION FOR ANY OTHER GOVERNING BOARD IF THE MEMBER IS SERVING IN THE LAST YEAR OF A TERM OF OFFICE. A MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BOARD SHALL RESIGN THE MEMBER'S SEAT ON THE GOVERNING BOARD BEFORE BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UNLESS THE MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD IS SERVING IN THE LAST YEAR OF A TERM OF OFFICE.

Sec. 2. Section 15-427, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-427. Governing board of a union high school district; qualifications; terms

A. The members of the governing board of a union high school district shall be qualified school electors of the district. ~~A member of a component common school district board is ineligible to serve simultaneously as a member of the governing board of the union high school district. A member of a component common school district board who is subsequently elected a member of the governing board of a union high school district shall resign his seat on the component common school district board immediately after his election to the governing board of the union high school district. Members shall be elected from the union high school district at large except as provided in section 15-431.~~

B. The term of office of the members of the union high school district governing board shall be four years, except:

1. Upon formation of a union high school district, the governing board shall be appointed by the county school superintendent and shall hold office until January 1 following the next general election.

1 2. At the first general election after formation of the district,
2 members shall be elected in the following manner:

3 (a) The three candidates receiving the highest, the second highest and
4 the third highest number of votes shall be elected to four year terms.

5 (b) The two candidates receiving the fourth and fifth highest number
6 of votes shall be elected for two year terms. Thereafter all such offices
7 shall have four year terms.

8 Sec. 3. Section 38-296.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
9 read:

10 38-296.01. Limitation on running for multiple offices

11 A. A person is not eligible to be a candidate for nomination or
12 election to more than one public office if the elections for those offices
13 are held on the same day and if the person would be prohibited from serving
14 in the offices simultaneously.

15 B. A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR
16 ELECTION TO AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON MORE THAN ONE
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD, EXCEPT THAT A MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BOARD
18 MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION FOR ANY OTHER GOVERNING BOARD
19 IF THE MEMBER IS SERVING IN THE LAST YEAR OF A TERM OF OFFICE.

20 Sec. 4. Applicability

21 This act applies only to those persons who are candidates for an
22 election that is held after the effective date of this act and to persons who
23 take office after the effective date of this act.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 3, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 3, 2001.


0 Nays, 6 Not Voting


Jake Flake
Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore

Speman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

by the following vote: 24 Ayes,

6 Nays, 0 Not Voting


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

This Bill was received by the Governor this

day of _____, 20____,

at ~~10~~ o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

_____ , 20____ ,

at ~~0~~ ~~clock~~ M.

Governor of Arizona

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

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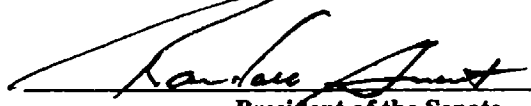
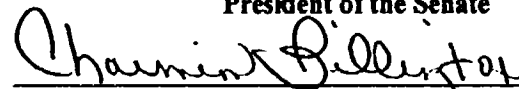
Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate March 29, 2001,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

1 Nays, 2 Not Voting

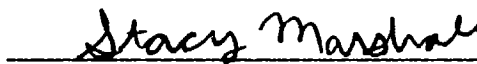

President of the Senate

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

29 day of March, 2001,

at 1:30 o'clock P M.


Secretary to the Governor

APPROVED THIS 3 day of

April, 2001,

at 7:45 o'clock A M.

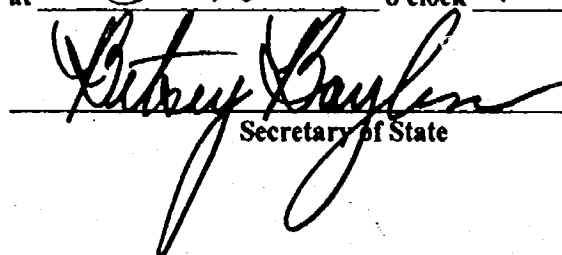

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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at 3:45 o'clock P M.


Secretary of State

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